

When the effective leader
is finished with his
work, the people say it
happened naturally.

- Lao Tsu



IMPA

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Public
Administration

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MASTER IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Be equipped to handle complex issues that impact national, regional and global policies and projects.

Our one-year full-time Master in Public Administration (MPA) is an interdisciplinary course of study aimed at mid-level professionals who aspire to take on senior management roles or make a career change. A key feature is the Governance Study Project, which gives students the opportunity to study and research in a neighbouring country.



Admissions Criteria

MPA students must be mid-level professionals with a minimum of five years' working experience. They should possess at least a bachelor degree, aspire to management roles, and demonstrate maturity and commitment towards public service. Proficiency in written and spoken English is essential.

Required Documents

- Online application form
- Official academic transcripts and certificates
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- A score of 100 (TOEFL internet-based test), 600 (TOEFL paper-based test) or 7.0 (IELTS academic test), is preferred.*
- GRE/GMAT test score (optional)
- Two essays
- Two reports of reference

*TOEFL/IELTS test score is mandatory for all applicants except those with a bachelor degree conducted entirely in English.

Curriculum

The MPA curriculum comprises core modules and a wide range of elective modules. Students are required to complete:

- Four core modules
- Two elective modules from the Public Management and Leadership specialisation area
- Four free elective modules
- Governance Study Project

Governance Study Project

Students must undertake the team-based Governance Study Project (GSP) for two semesters, where they will manage projects based on regional public issues. Through the GSP, students will acquire skills related to the analysis of complex managerial problems, as well as thorough research, writing and presentation skills. They will also develop higher emotional intelligence and a stronger connection with their cohort and team.

The GSP consists of a study trip at the end of the first semester, and a final conference in the second semester. It runs through the entire length of the MPA programme, and requires the application of knowledge and skills that students have learnt in each module.



Classroom Diversity

The MPA cohort comprises 40 to 60 students from public, private and not-for-profit sectors, from more than 20 countries.

Core Modules

Core modules focus on imparting practical skills, disciplinary knowledge and interdisciplinary competencies that facilitate the work of policy practitioners, researchers, public managers and leaders. They include:

- The LKY School Course
- Economic Analysis
- Policy Analysis
- Public Management

Elective Modules

Those who seek a broader Public Administration education must choose to read any four free electives from over 60 modules. Students can choose from a new elective basket 'Evidence-Based Innovation Lab', which includes modules such as:

- Big Data, Official Statistics, and Public Policy
- Data Analytics: Science, Art and Applications

Students are also required to complete two elective modules from the Public Management and Leadership specialisation area.

Please visit the LKYSPP website for the full list of electives

Cross-Faculty Modules

Students may also register for up to two elective modules offered in other postgraduate programmes, such as Business Administration, Economics, Political Science and Southeast Asian Studies.

Double Degree

Qualified students can pursue double degrees with the NUS Business School and the NUS Faculty of Law. They include:

- Master in Public Administration and Master of Business Administration (MPA-MBA)
- Master in Public Administration and Master of Laws (MPA-LLM)

The LKY School Course

This 13-week module provides an in-depth study of the Singapore success story and Asia's development, which will supplement the school's pool of case studies that are highly relevant to the Asian context. Students can expect a discussion of public policies that have been the cornerstone of Singapore's development, covering topics such as Singapore's foreign policy successes. Expansion of Singapore's economy and trade in the region. LKYSPP is especially well-placed to share the model of governance in Singapore and Asia, and our faculty members who teach this module include notable Singapore pioneers and luminaries. This module is compulsory for students of all master programmes.

Academic Calendar

Pre-Semester	Year 1, Semester 1	Year 1, Semester 2
Mid-Jul to Aug Orientation Programme	Aug to Nov Governance Study Project 2 Core Modules 2 Elective Modules End-Nov to Early-Dec Examinations Dec Governance Study Trip Vacation	Jan to Apr Governance Study Project (cont'd) 2 Core Modules 2 Elective Modules End-Apr to Early-May Examinations
	Special Term	
	Mid-May to Mid-Jul Governance Study Project (cont'd) 1 Elective Module Mid-Jul Examinations	



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